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SUBJECT: TREATY NEGOTIATIONS - MEDIA COVERAGE

SUMMARY: PANAMANIAN MEDIA REMAIN NONCOMMITTAL ON NEGOTIATIONS. JUNE 2 AP STORY DISCUSSING NEUTRALITY ISSUE WAS PRINTED BY SEMI-INDEPENDENT PAPERS HERE JUNE 3. TORRIJOS IS STILL SCHEDULED TO SPEAK FROM DAVID 0900 JUNE 3, BUT THERE IS NO INDICATION OF WHAT HE WILL SAY. END SUMMARY.

1. PANAMANIAN MEDIA TREATMENT OF TREATY NEGOTIATIONS HAS CONTINUED TO BE SCANTY AND RELATIVELY BLAND OVER PAST WEEK. RETURN OF PANAMANIAN NEGOTIATORS ON JUNE 1 HAS NOT YET EVEN PRODUCED ANOTHER FORMAL NATIONAL INFORMATION COMMISSION COMMUNIQUE. COVERAGE IN PRESS AND BROADCAST MEDIA HAS BEEN ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY WIRE SERVICE ITEMS, STRAIGHT OR IN REWRITE. ONLY NOTABLE POINT IS THAT STORIES HERE CONTINUE THROUGH JUNE 3 TO CARRY UNATTIRUBTED STATEMENT THAT U.S. NEGOTIATORS ARE EXPECTED IN PANAMA EARLY NEXT WEEK, WITH NEGOTIATIONS TO RESUME IN FULL SWING EARLY FOLLOWING WEEK.

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2. THE LENGTHY AP PANAMA-DATELINED STORY OF JUNE 2 DEALING PARTICULARLY WITH NEUTRALITY ISSUE WAS LEAD IN "MIAMI HERALD" FOR THAT DAY. IT WAS PICKED UP BY SEMI-INDEPENDENT "ESTRELLA" AND "STAR AND HERALD" FOR JUNE 3--"ESTRELLA" LEAD HEADLINE WAS "A SECOND TREATY COULD GUARANTEE THE NEUTRALITY OF THE PANAMA

CANAL." GOP-GUIDED ERSA PRESS (NOT AN AP SUBSCRIBER)  
HAS CONTINUED TO IGNORE THIS STORY FOR EITHER REPRINT  
OR COMMENT.

3. EDITORIAL AND COLUMIST COMMENT DIRECTLY ON NEGOTIATIONS  
HAS ALSO BEEN SLIGHT. JUNE 3 PRESS HAS NOTHING  
OF NOTE.

4. TORRIJOS IS STILL SCHEDULED TO SPEAK AT COUNCIL  
OF STATE MEETING IN DAVID BEGINNING 0900 JUNE 3.  
IT IS REPORTED THAT HE "COULD" BE MAKING SIGNIFICANT  
INFORMATION AVAILABLE--BUT TONE OF SUCH ITEMS SO  
FAR IS PURELY SPECULATIVE.

5. MEDIA THIS WEEK HAVE KEPT THEMSELVES OCCUPIED  
WITH A STRING OF ALLEGED "PROVOCATIONS" FROM CANAL  
ZONE, TO BE REPORTED SEPTTEL.

6. COMMENT: THERE IS STILL NO DISCERNIBLE GOVERNMENT-  
INSPIRED "LINE" IN LOCAL MEDIA COVERAGE. AIR IS ONE  
OF WATCHFUL WAITING, TEMPERED WITH HOPE THAT THE LONG  
NEGOTIATING PROCESS MAY SOMEDAY END.

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